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1. This communication is responsive to the amendment rece	<u>ived June 28, 2004</u> .		
2. X The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>1-3,121,122 and 128-130</u> .			
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The following action is in response to the amendment received June 28, 2004.

## Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-3, 121, 122, and 128-130 are allowed. Claims 1-3, 128-130, 121, and 122 will be renumbered for printing as claims 1-8, respectively.

## Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

None of the prior art of record shows or renders obvious a hydrokinetic torque converter as defined in claim 1, wherein the housing includes a cooling surface which engages the clutch and includes radially directed grooves configured in the manner of rays which originate inside an inner circle radially inside the inner circular border and which terminate at an outer circle radially outside the outer circular border.

The art fails to show or teach a method of cooling an engageable and disengageable bypass clutch including the step of actively regulating the flow of fluid along the at least one path in dependency upon friction torque between the friction surfaces of the driving and driven components.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rodney H. Bonck whose telephone number is (703)-308-2904. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:00AM -3:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles A. Marmor can be reached on (703)-308-0830. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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